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1. The Main Administration for Shipbuilding and the entire Ministry for Machine Construction had great difficulties in meeting the delivery targets because of the shortage of materials. This shortage of copper was particularly felt by the Main Shipbuilding Administration with the result that the production program for electric motors and generators could not be filled. Conferences were held with the supplying industries to avoid the most serious initial difficulties. On 23 March 1955, a joint conference was to be held under the chairmanship of Minister Heinrich Rau and to be attended by the representatives of all main administrations and the production plants. It was believed, however, that even the Minister's personal intercession could not remove the fundamental difficulties.

2. VEB Schiffselektrik Rostock was scheduled to be liquidated as early as April 1955 if possible. The work of VEB Schiffselektrik Rostock was scheduled to be divided among other shipyards.

3. In early February 1955, Dipl Ing Klewitz (fnu) was appointed successor to Schlaak (fnu), chief designer for government orders who had been working at the VEB Peenewerft Wolgast and who died in the summer of 1954. Klewitz previously was head of the office dealing with economic problems and in his last position was managing engineer of VEB Volkswerft Stralsund. He was described as an expert.

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4. Since the Main Shipbuilding Administration has been moved to the 8th story in the House of Ministries, it was believed that it probably would not be transferred in the near future.

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